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MAYOR JERRY SANDERS FACT SHEET

MISSION BEACH RESIDENTS TO GET CURBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICE IN SUMMER 2010

Faulconer Uses Council Funds to Restore Extra Summer Trash Pickup This Year

Mayor Jerry Sanders and Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer today announced that Mission Beach will be included in the city's curbside recycling program beginning next year.

Until that service commences, Faulconer will use City Council discretionary funds to restore the neighborhood's summertime second trash pickup, which was eliminated in budget cuts.

The Mission Beach recycling program will begin in summer 2010, once new equipment needed to serve the neighborhood's narrow alleyways is delivered. To ensure the community's immediate trash needs are met, Faulconer will use funds from his district's Council Infrastructure Funds to reinstate the much-needed second trash pickup this summer.

"These changes are good news for Mission Beach and the whole city," said Sanders. "Under this arrangement, it will be much easier for the residents to recycle, and we'll have less refuse going into our landfill."

In 2000, because of space constraints in the area's narrow alleys, Mission Beach residents opted out of curbside recycling, instead favoring drop-off recycling at neighborhood dumpsters. The lack of convenient recycling increases trash volume and contributes to the need for a second trash pickup during the summer months, when many homes in the beach community are occupied by vacationers.

The estimated annual cost of providing curbside recycling service to approximately 3,500 Mission Beach homes is \$90,000. This cost will be offset by elimination of the second trash

pickup during the summer months, which costs \$58,500 for the Memorial Day to Labor Day cycle.

“I’m extremely pleased to offer Mission Beach residents what every other community receives – curbside recycling,” Faulconer said. “I’m grateful to the mayor and the community for working with my office to ensure we could meet the shifting refuse-collection needs in the neighborhood.”

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